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In re Patent Application of)	Group Art Unit: 2811
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Appln. No. 09/164,216)	<u>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</u>
Filed: September 30, 1998)	<u>AND RESPONSE TO</u>
For: ESD PROTECTION CIRCUIT)	<u>ELECTION OF SPECIES</u>
UTILIZING FLOATING LATERAL)	<u>REQUIREMENT</u>
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please cancel ~~claims~~ 12-14.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A semiconductor chip having a substrate of a first conductivity type, the chip comprising:
a pad;
an electrostatic discharge (ESD) positive [ring] line, the ESD positive line not being connected to a voltage source;
an ESD negative [ring] line; and
a plurality of floating lateral clamp diodes connected to the pad so that a first floating lateral clamp diode is connected to the pad and the positive [ring] line, and a second floating lateral clamp

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